

REMARKS

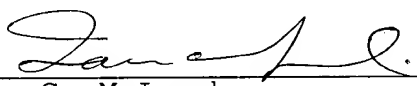
Claims 1 to 4, 7, 12 to 14, 18, 20 to 28, 40 to 44, 53, 55, 56 and 109 are pending. Claims 4, 12, 23, 28, 40-44, 53, 54 and 66 were indicated to be allowable.

Independent Claims 1, 24, 25 and 109 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 54. Claims 1, 24 and 25 have been amended to include the limitations of Claim 109.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attachment is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

It is now believed that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully,



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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

-1-(Third Amended)

A composition for application to [protecting] cultivated plants to control weeds comprising:

5 (a) at least one herbicide selected from the group consisting of acetanilides, acetamides, acetolactate synthase inhibitors, isoxazoles, diketonitriles, triketonitriles dinitroanilines, triazines, substituted ureas, ethofumerates, isoxafen, oxodiazon, dithiopyr and combinations thereof; and

10 (b) repellent adjuvant selected from the group consisting of silane, silicone, silicate and mixtures thereof which are organic for modifying surface properties of the composition so that retention of the composition on foliage of the cultivated plant is reduced, wherein the composition bounces off the plant
15 into the soil and the composition to reduce herbicide injury to the cultivated plant by the herbicide [but which] and is effective from the soil around the plant to control the weeds.

A method for controlling weeds around
[protecting] crop plants [without injuring] crop plants,
the steps comprising:

5 (a) providing a herbicidal formulation
comprising at least one herbicide selected from the group
consisting of acetanilides, acetamides, acetolactate
synthase inhibitors, isoxazoles, diketonitriles,
triketonitriles dinitroanilines, triazines, substituted
ureas, ethofumerates, isoxafen, oxodiazon, dithiopyr and
10 combinations thereof admixed with a repellent adjuvant
selected from the group consisting of silane, silicone,
siliconate and mixtures thereof which are organic wherein
the repellent adjuvant modifies surface properties of the
formulation thereby reducing retention of the formulation
15 on foliage of crop plants to reduce herbicide injury to
the crop plant by the herbicide but which is effective
from the soil; and

(b) applying the formulation to the crop plants
wherein the formulation bounces off the foliage onto the
20 soil to control weeds around the plants [wherein the
formulation protects the crop plants] without injuring
the crop plants.

A method for controlling weeds around
[inhibiting a weed without injuring] turfgrass, the steps
comprising:

5 (a) providing a liquid dispersion of a
herbicidal formulation comprising at least one herbicide
selected from the group consisting of acetanilides,
acetamides, acetolactate synthase inhibitors, isoxazoles,
diketonitriles, triketonitriles dinitroanilines,
triazines, substituted ureas, ethofumerates, isoxafen,
10 oxodiazon, dithiopyr and combinations thereof admixed
with a repellent adjuvant which is an organosiliconate
wherein the repellent adjuvant modifies surface
properties of the formulation thereby reducing retention
of the formulation on foliage of the turfgrass to reduce
15 herbicide injury to the turfgrass by the herbicide but
which is effective against the weeds from the soil; and

(b) applying the formulation to the turfgrass
wherein the formulation bounces off the foliage onto the
soil to control the weeds in the turfgrass without
20 injuring the turfgrass [wherein the formulation inhibits
growth of the weed].

A method for applying one or more postemergence herbicides for controlling weeds to a crop plant without injuring the crop plant, the steps comprising:

5 (a) providing a composition as a formulation
comprising at least one herbicide selected from the group
consisting of acetanilides, acetamides, acetolactate
synthase inhibitors, isoxazoles, diketonitriles,
triketonitriles dinitroanilines, triazines, substituted
ureas, ethofumerates, isoxafen, oxodiazon, dithiopyr and
10 combinations thereof admixed with a repellent adjuvant
wherein the repellent adjuvant modifies surface
properties of the formulation thereby reducing retention
of the formulation on foliage of crop plants; and

(b) applying the formulation to the plants
15 wherein the formulation bounces off the foliage onto the
soil wherein the formulation controls the weeds without
injuring the crop plant.